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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/664,158	Applicant(s) IMAI ET AL.	
	Examiner Ivan H. Carpio	Art Unit 2841	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9, 11 and 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-12 for prosecution in the reply filed on 11/01/05 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,2 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koike (US 5781253).

With respect to claim 1 Koike teaches a wiring substrate (Fig. 8), comprising a short ring (Fig. 8, element 6) formed along a periphery of the substrate, an independent line pattern (Fig. 1,2,3 The right side of element 46) that is coplanar with and independent of the short ring, a continuous line pattern (Fig. 1,2,3 The left side of element 46) that is located closest to the independent line pattern and is coplanar and continuous with the short ring, and an insulating film (Fig. 3, element 56) covering the independent line pattern and the continuous line pattern, wherein the insulating film includes a first through hole (Fig. 2 and 3 The right element 58) reaching the independent line pattern and a second through hole (Fig. 2 and 3 The left element 58) reaching the continuous line pattern.

With respect to claim 2 and with all the limitations of claim 1 Koike teaches a distance between the first through hole and the continuous line pattern is longer than a distance between the second through hole and the continuous line pattern along a virtual line extending between the first through hole and the second through hole (Fig. 3).

With respect to claim 10 and with all of the limitations of claim 1, Koike teaches a display device (Fig. 8).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-9 and 11-12 are allowable.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: With respect to independent claims 3 and 4 there is simply no evidence in the prior art teaching that the independent line pattern and the first continuous line pattern are electrically connected to each other by a connection pattern bridging the second continuous line pattern via the first through hole and the second through hole furthermore there is no evidence in the prior art making this modification obvious.

Conclusion

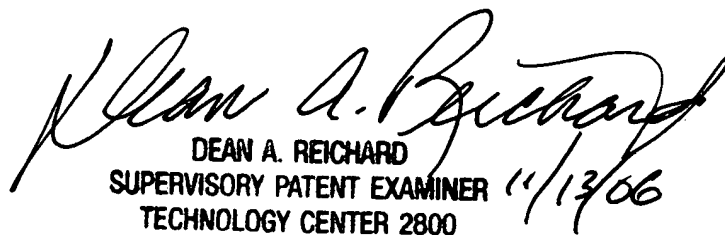
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ivan H. Carpio whose telephone number is 571-272-8396. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 6:00am - 4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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